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Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Add claims 52-54.

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-- 52. An oral brush suitable for massaging the gums, comprising:  
an elongated handle;  
a head portion, sized for insertion into a human mouth, extending from an end of said  
handle;

a brush portion comprising

(a) at least one elastomeric element extending from said head portion, comprising  
a thermoplastic elastomer having a Shore A hardness of less than 55 and a flexural  
modulus of at least 5 MPa, said thermoplastic elastomer comprising a styrenic block  
copolymer, and

(b) a plurality of non-elastomeric bristles extending from said head portion.

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53. The oral brush of claim 52 wherein said elastomeric element is disposed along a  
longitudinal outer edge of the head portion.

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